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The following annual reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee:—

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The meetings of the Academy during the past twelve months have been held without intermission. The average attendance has been forty-four, fewer occasions of special interest having occurred than during the preceding year when the attendance averaged sixty-four. Verbal communications of more or less interest and importance were made at almost every meeting, among the speakers being Messrs. Cope, Chapman, Ryder, Wright, Sharples, Goldsmith, Rand, McCook, Willcox, Lesley, Wistar, Woolman, Pilsbry, Heilprin, Rothrock, Holman, Ives, Allen, Pierce, Dixon, Zuill, Holstein, MacFarlane, Ball, Sharp, Morris, Brinton, A. P. Brown, Morsell, Thomas, Ford, U. C. Smith, Calvert, Moeller, A. E. Brown and Wingate.

Such of these communications as have been reported by their authors have been printed in the Proceedings.

Since my last report 194 pages of the Proceedings for 1892 and 376 for 1893, with eleven plates, have been issued. Seventy-two pages of an elaborately illustrated memoir on the Sand Mounds of Florida by Clarence B. Moore have also been printed as the beginning of the tenth volume of the Journal. These sheets will not be distributed until the completion of the number, which will be published in advance of the last part of the ninth volume in consequence of the character of the communications in the hands of the Publication Committee.

In addition to the matter issued at the direct expense of the Academy, the Conchological Section has continued the publication of the "Manual of Conchology" of which 580 pages and 91 plates have appeared since my last report. Numbers of the Entomological News and of the Transactions of the American Entomological Society embracing 731 pages and 91 plates have appeared under the auspices of the Entomological Section, thus making a total of 1,881 pages and 193 plates, exclusive of the portions of the quarto Journal printed but not yet distributed. The statistics of distribution remain the same as last year.

A new edition of the By-Laws and a new list of members and correspondents have also been published.

Forty-nine papers have been presented for publication as follows : Edw. D. Cope 9, Henry C. Chapman M. D. 4, Samuel N. Rhoads 3, John A. Ryder 3, E. Goldsmith 3, Thomas Meehan 3, Ida A. Keller 2, J. B. Ellis and B. M. Everhardt 2, V. Sterki 2, Abraham Meyer 2, G. F. Wright 1, Benjamin Sharp M. D. 1, Witmer Stone 1, S. G. Dixon M. D. 1, Herman Strecker 1, Ralph S. Tarr 1, Geo. A. Rex M. D. 1, W. H. Dall 1, Henry Skinner M. D. 1, Clarence B. Moore 1, John Gifford 1, Philip P. Calvert 1, A. E. Brown 1, J. Percy Moore 1, William J. Fox 1 and H. A. Pilsbry 1. Of these 38 have been accepted for publication in the Proceedings, 5 for publication in the Journal, three have been withdrawn by the authors and 3 remain to be reported on.

Seventy-six members and seventeen correspondents have been elected. The deaths of sixteen members and six correspondents have been announced. Three members have resigned, thus leaving a gain of fifty-seven in the membership.

The death of Mr. Isaac C. Martindale, who was elected Treasurer at the last annual meeting, occurred January 3d. Mr. Charles P. Perot was elected to fill the office the 17th of the same month. The vacancies thus caused in the Finance Committee and the Council (Mr. Perot becoming, as Treasurer, a Councillor *ex-officio*) were filled by the election of Dr. Geo. H. Horn to the former, January 24, and Mr. Thomas A. Robinson to the latter, January 31.

Mr. Jacob Binder, who had served the society as Curator of the William S. Vaux collections since their reception by the Academy, died after a lingering illness February 26th. He was succeeded as Vaux Curator by Mr. Wm. W. Jefferis who has since discharged the duties of the office with a devotion to its interests which is sufficiently indicated by the statistics of his annual report.

The most important amendments to the By-Laws made during the year were for the purpose of lessening the arduous duties of the treasurer by placing the investments of the Academy in the charge of a Trust Company. The consequent changes are as follows :

Chapter III, Art. 5. The words "he shall collect and pay moneys" were stricken out and the words "he shall collect the member's dues and shall pay bills and other approved demands by draft upon the depository" were substituted. To the end of the article was added "The Committee on Finance may, with the approval of the Council, vest the custody of the securities belonging to the

general or any special fund in a Trust Company to keep the same invested and reinvested subject to the approval of the Finance Committee and in the name of the Academy and to collect the revenues therefrom and deposit the same upon interest till expended. Such arrangement shall be made by a written article revocable at pleasure of the Finance Committee or of the Council."

Chapter VI, Art. 1. The word "lawful" was stricken out and the words "approved by the Finance Committee" were added after "securities." A like amendment was made to Chapter VII, Art. 1.

Chapter IX, Art. 2. For the words a "semi-annual" the words "an annual" was substituted and for "five" the word "ten" was substituted, the words "and July" being stricken out.

Chapter II, Art. 4. The word "annual" was substituted for "semi-annual" and a like amendment was made in Chapter IX, Art. 6.

On favorable recommendation of the Council an offer from Mr. Maxwell Sommerville of \$2,000 for the Academy's interest in the American reprint of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* bequeathed to the Academy by the late Mrs. Sommerville, was accepted.

The Academy is indebted to Mrs. Clara Jessup Moore for the sum of \$5,000, the interest derived from which is to be used for the assistance of young women desiring to devote themselves to the study of natural history under the same rules and regulations as those governing the Jessup Fund.

A contribution by the Curators of a number of crania of American aborigines to the ethnological exhibit forming portion of the Columbian Exposition held at Madrid in commemoration of the discovery of America received the recognition of a bronze medal.

With a view to securing a lowering of the rate of postage on specimens of natural history sent through the mails a committee appointed for the purpose prepared and distributed a circular to a number of foreign societies and journals soliciting such influence with their governments as may help to secure the object desired.

Until last summer the accumulated correspondence of the Academy from its foundation, together with a large number of documents and reports relating to the operations of its several departments, were securely placed, but with no systematic arrangement. Having, through the continued kindness of certain friends of the Academy, been again enabled to secure the services of Signor E. Fronani on certain days during a portion of the year, I have availed myself of the

opportunity to have this large accumulation of material of such interest in connection with the history of the society classified and arranged by him. Although the work has not been entirely completed, the material is now in such order as to be available for consultation and reference. The resulting good has already been more than once manifested.

The Hayden Memorial medal and the balance of the interest arising from the endowment fund were this year voted to Professor Thomas Henry Huxley, LL. D., F. R. S. to whom they have been forwarded with an expression of the Academy's hearty endorsement of the action of its awarding Committee. This is the fourth award of the Hayden memorial, the first being to Prof. James Hall of Albany in 1890, the second to Prof. Edw. D. Cope of Philadelphia, 1891, and the third to Prof. Eduard Suess of Vienna in 1892.

The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club and the Geographical Club have held their meetings throughout the year in the Academy.

These facts and figures it is believed prove without comment that the Academic year just closed has been prosperous if uneventful.

EDW. J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary respectfully reports that during the year commencing December 1st, 1892, he has received from ninety-two societies, museums, etc., one hundred and fifty-four notices of the receipt of the publications of the Academy, and from thirty-nine societies and editors, forty-eight notices of the forwarding of their own publications to the Academy together with fifteen applications to exchange publications for reports and asking for missing numbers of the Academy's publications. Twenty letters on various subjects have been received and thirteen written. Fifteen circulars and invitations to the Academy to participate in congresses, meetings etc., have been received and answered. Two notices of deaths have been also received.

During the year seventeen correspondents have been elected and notices to that effect have been sent. The deaths of nine correspondents have been reported. Forty-seven certificates have been sent to members and twelve to correspondents.